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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested for the above-identified application and the priority provided in 35 USC 119 is hereby claimed:

German Application 102 56 539.2 filed December 4, 2002.

In support of this claim, a certified copy of German Application 102 56 539.2 will arrive under separate cover (awaiting arrival from Germany).

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